

Suffolk County Board of Ethics

Minutes of Meeting Held on

April 23, 2014

Office of the Board of Ethics

335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson, and Dennis O'Doherty. Heather Palmore arrived at 6:25 p.m. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes. *Counsel Present:* Julie Torrey, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty, to adopt the agenda as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis O'Doherty, seconded by Richard Halverson, to adopt the minutes of the April 9, 2014 Board Meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed public session.

Chair Report: None.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal discussed the meeting with the Board Chair, Robin Long, Presiding Officer, DuWayne Gregory, and Minority Leader, John Kennedy addressing security concerns. Samantha Segal reported: 110 FDS received to date, Police Department required filers update, draft Lobbyist law revision (distributed copy), and personnel/civil service update. The Board discussed a potential amendment to the Board's Hearing Procedures.

Executive Session: At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing confidential matters pertaining to one Advisory Opinion, one Ethics Violation Complaint, and a Board Investigation in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (4-0-0).

During Executive Session: The Board voted on AO-2014-3 (4-0-0), and reviewed C-001-2014, Heather Palmore recused (Recusal Number HP012014) and left the room. The Board voted on reasonable cause of C-001-2014 (0-3-0). Heather Palmore returned to the room. The Board discussed Board Investigation 001-2014 (Adjourned).

Heather Palmore left the meeting during Executive Session.

At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

New Business: Draft Investigation Procedures distributed.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Dennis O'Doherty, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (7:40 p.m.).